

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

STATE North Dakota

Standards and Methods of Assuring High Quality Care

A. The following standards apply to the Medical Assistance Program:

1. Payments are restricted to licensed and/or certified facilities and practitioners.
2. Care provided in institutions must be appropriate and of high quality.
3. Drugs are prescribed by licensed medical practitioners.
4. Transportation is provided.
5. Specialist and consultative services are provided at the request of the attending physician.
6. Specialist medical care facilities outside of the state are utilized in the absence of special treatment sources within the state.

B. Methods used to assure that high quality care is being delivered.

1. Hospital inpatient services are subject to review by ND Health Care Review, Inc., the PRO for the state.
2. Selected review of physicians and other practitioners claims for payment.
3. On-site quality care inspections in skilled and intermediate care facilities.
4. Review of drug utilization patterns by a full time registered pharmacist.
5. Physician and dental consultants review their respective program areas and participate in policy development.
6. Qualifications and licensing status of practitioners are periodically obtained from the respective licensing boards in the state.
7. Regular and ad hoc advisory committees made up of practitioners such as physicians, dentists and pharmacists participate as needed in reviewing policies affecting their given areas of participation.
8. Peer Review mechanisms are established for physicians, dentists, chiropractors and optometrists and utilized in resolving questionable situations dealing with medical practice.